

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 72

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carl Douglas Armstrong on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Carl Douglas Armstrong celebrated his ninetieth birthday on March 24, 2011, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Carl Armstrong was born in Sentertown in Knox County on March 24, 1921, to Carroll and Aurelia (Senter) Armstrong and he has two siblings, Louie and Juanita; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Austin High School; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as an employee at the Aluminum Company in Alcoa before being drafted into the United States Army. He served bravely for four years during World War II and was stationed at Camp Pickett in Virginia, in the South Pacific, and in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the war, Mr. Armstrong returned to Knoxville, at which time he completed vocational training in tailoring and, later, in masonry; and

WHEREAS, a jack-of-all-trades, Carl Armstrong found employment in various fields over the course of thirty years, including as an employee at the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Alcoa, Robert Shaw, the Knox County Courthouse, Brown's Restaurant, the United States Army Reserve, and the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mr. Armstrong has graciously donated his time and energies to numerous organizations, including the James E. Derrick Lodge No. 1667 I.B.P.O. Elks of the World, the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and

Accepted Masons of Tennessee, the Eastside Y.M.C.A., Beck Cultural Center, The Knoxville Museum of Arts, and the East Knox Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, his volunteer work includes visiting and assisting the sick at home and in health facilities, driving seniors and friends to appointments, delivering Christmas baskets, and assisting with meals served to residents at Walter P. Taylor Homes and The Morningside Apartments; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Carl Armstrong was named the A.M.E. Zion Lay Person of the Year, "Elk of the Year," and *The Knoxville News Sentinel's* "Everyday Hero"; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he is a devout and active charter member of the First A.M.E. Zion Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most grateful for the love and support he receives from his family, including his wife, Sonja G. Armstrong; his sons, Eugene and Kenneth Armstrong; his grandsons, Carlton, Scott, and Geoff; and his granddaughter, Chrystalin Dale; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the family and friends of Carl Douglas Armstrong in celebrating his ninetieth birthday and extend to Mr. Armstrong our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.